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Dear Mr. Strawbridge:

REJECTION OF LIMITED CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

The Regulatory Unit (RU) has completed its acceptability review of the BNFL Inc. (BNFL) Limited Construction Authorization Request (LCAR) for the River Protection Project Waste Treatment Plant, which was submitted on June 26, 2000 via BNFL letter CCN 014189. To reach a determination on continuing with a detailed review, RU reviewers assessed the submittal against the criteria of the LCAR Review Guidance that was previously provided to and commented on by BNFL. The RU determined that the LCAR was not acceptable for detailed review, as described in the enclosure. The enclosure provides each review criterion, states if the criterion was met and briefly describes the RU assessment.

In general, the RU found that for most of the criteria that were not met only limited additional information, which may be currently available, is needed for the RU to continue with its detailed review.

The RU would be pleased to discuss the results of its acceptability review with BNFL staff at its earliest convenience in order to provide BNFL the opportunity to resubmit the LCAR prior to July 28, 2000.

Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract (DE-AC27-96RL13308). If you have any questions, please contact me or Robert Barr of my staff on (509) 376-7851.

Sincerely,

D. Clark Gibbs, Regulatory Official
Office of Safety Regulation
of the RPP-WTP Contractor

REG: RCB

Enclosure

cc w/attach:
D. Klein, BNFL